

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A fluid-flow machine, including:

at least one rotor row and a ~~plurality~~free number of stator rows each having external surfaces positioned in a fluid flow, ~~flowed by a fluid,~~ with at least one blade thereof which is positioned on throat-confining surfaces including~~provided with~~ both a device for fluid removal from at the fluid flow in an area of the external surface of the blade ~~path~~ and a device for fluid supply into the fluid flow in the area of the external surface of the blade, ~~path, and~~

at least one line associated with the device for fluid removal for returning the removed fluid to an upstream position in the fluid flow, ~~path~~ and

at least one further line associated with the device for fluid supply for supplying the fluid from a further downstream position in the fluid flow ~~path~~.

2. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the device for fluid removal is provided on at least one blade of at least one of a stator and a rotor first row of blades and connects via at least one line to a device for fluid supply on at least one blade of at least one of a ~~further rotor and stator~~ and rotor further row of blades.

3. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the device for fluid supply is provided on at least one blade of at least one of a stator and a rotor first row of blades and is fed via at least one line from a device for fluid removal on at least one blade of at least one of a ~~further rotor and stator~~ and rotor further row of blades.

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4. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 1, and comprising a restrictor positioned in at least one of the lines.

5. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 1, wherein at least one of the lines provides for free flow of the fluid.

6. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the at least one blade is provided with a device for the variable control of ~~the~~ fluid flow area for at least one of the fluid removal and supply, respectively.

7. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the line for returning the removed fluid is provided with a discharge chamber positioned at an inlet to the line.

8. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the line for supplying the fluid is provided with a supply chamber at an outlet to the line.

9. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 1, wherein, the blade is a variable stator blade, with a fluid supply channel and a fluid discharge channel being arranged within a spindle of the blade, the two channels leading into and out of the fluid flow-path, respectively, to at least one of a machine casing and a rotor hub, to provide for bi-functionality for the blade.

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10. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 2, and comprising a restrictor positioned in at least one of the lines.

11. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 2, wherein at least one of the lines provides for free flow of the fluid.

12. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the blade is provided with a device for the variable control of the fluid flow area for at least one of the fluid removal and supply, respectively.

13. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the line for returning the removed fluid is provided with a discharge chamber positioned at an inlet to the line.

14. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 13, wherein the line for supplying the fluid is provided with a supply chamber at an outlet to the line.

15. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 3, and comprising a restrictor positioned in at least one of the lines.

16. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 3, wherein at least one of the lines provides for free flow of the fluid.

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17. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 3, wherein the blade is provided with a device for the variable control of the fluid flow area for at least one of the fluid removal and supply, respectively.

18. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 3, wherein the line for returning the removed fluid is provided with a discharge chamber positioned at an inlet to the line.

19. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 18, wherein the line for supplying the fluid is provided with a supply chamber at an outlet to the line.

20. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the device for fluid supply is also provided on the same blade with the device for fluid removal and is fed via at least one line from a device for fluid removal on at least one blade of at least one of a ~~second~~ further rotor and stator and rotor second further row of blades.

21. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 20, and comprising a restrictor positioned in at least one of the lines.

22. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 20, wherein at least one of the lines provides for free flow of the fluid.

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23. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 20, wherein the blade is provided with a device for the variable control of the fluid flow area for at least one of the fluid removal and supply, respectively.

24. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 20, wherein the line for returning the removed fluid is provided with a discharge chamber positioned at an inlet to the line.

25. (Original) A fluid-flow machine in accordance with Claim 24, wherein the line for supplying the fluid is provided with a supply chamber at an outlet to the line.